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Amy Chen (left) and Helen Tam of Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation at Gilbert and Chandler's annual interfaith Gratitude Gathering.

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> This is our greatest festival; take Christmas away, and in biblical terms you lose two chapters at the front of Matthew and Luke, nothing else. Take Easter away, and you don't have a New Testament; you don't have a Christianity.
>
> *—New Testament scholar N. T. Wright*

OUR GREATEST FESTIVAL

NEW INITIATIVE ENCOURAGES ALL TO REMEMBER HIM

By Emily Jex Boyle

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Youth choir from the Navajo Nation performs during the Area broadcast in January 2025.

Earlier this year, the North America Southwest Area Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints released a special broadcast message introducing the #RememberHim initiative. Congregations in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas listened as leaders and their spouses explained the initiative. The message included special musical numbers recorded by youth from Texas and the Navajo Nation. Members and friends were invited to prepare for the celebration of the Atonement and Resurrection of the Savior during Easter week and to focus on the teachings and life of Jesus Christ beyond the Christmas season.

In a recent interview, Elder Jonathan Schmitt, explained that an April 2023 General Conference address given by Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve, coupled with President Russell M. Nelson's charge to make time for the Lord, were the catalysts for the #RememberHim initiative here in the southwest. Elder Jose L. Alonso currently serves as the area president and Elder Schmitt who serves as second counselor says, "Elder Alonso felt strongly and followed promptings."

The truths at the heart of Christianity's greatest festival, Easter, are nothing new for the Church. The prophet Joseph Smith taught: "The fundamental principles of our religion are the testimony of the Apos-

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What's The Buzz?

Our Cover story this issue explores the *Remember Him* initiative created by the North American SW Presidency of the Church. The premise of the program is one of logic: We place too much focus on Christmas and not enough on Easter. Without Easter, Christmas is meaningless. Therefore, as believers in and of Christ, we need to place more importance on Easter and celebrate it with at least as much gusto as we do Christmas!

Interestingly, each talk I've heard or discussion in which I've participated about this program began by describing how exhausted we all are after Christmas is over!

Q: "What was your favorite part about the holidays?"

A: "The end. When it was over!"

Why this answer? Because of how ridiculously busy and distracted we all can be (and broke we can become) during the entire month of December. I'm left wondering: if we create activity around Easter like we do Christmas, will we end up creating a celebration that we also can't wait to end?

After exploring how we can create more focus on Christ at Easter, I came to remember that we as a people are already engaged in continuously Remembering Him. The reason why we celebrate Christmas "more" and Easter "less" is because as Christ's disciples, our lives are dedicated to the Easter message 24/7/365!

Being a member of this magnificent Church is a lifestyle. (I belonged to another faith before joining the Church. It was truly a "Sunday thing" only.) And by lifestyle, I mean everything we do in our daily lives involves Remembering Him. The Sacrament we take every week asks us to commit to "always remember him." Always: "At all times; throughout all time; since the beginning." We study, pray, participate, attend, serve, love, all with the Easter message in mind: That He has risen and atoned for our sins. He is the example by which we pattern our lives so we can live with Him someday with our families. These beliefs drive us to engage in activities that support our commitment to the lifestyle of a disciple of Jesus Christ. A perfect circle...

In my view, as a Church people, we are in good shape Remembering Him. This initiative is a wonderful reminder that we can always be best at incorporating our religion into our lives. And as an individual disciple, the life I live reminds me of Him every day, and motivates me to live a Christ-like life.

Thank you for reading...

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> How do we model the teaching and celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Easter story, with the same balance, fulness, and rich religious tradition of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Christmas story?
>
> *—Gary E. Stevenson, "The Greatest Easter Story Ever Told" (General Conference, April 2023)*

tles and Prophets, concerning Jesus Christ, that He died, was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven; and all other things which pertain to our religion are only appendages to it." Elder Schmitt adds, "We celebrate Easter every Sunday," alluding to the sacred ordinance of the Sacrament which takes place weekly in wards all around the world.

In the recent broadcast, congregations are invited to increase focus on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ during Sunday meetings. "Key participants in Sunday worship are not limited to the speaker or ward leaders. "Everyone plays a role in the focus for sacrament meeting," says Elder Schmitt, "it's in our participation. We are all a part of the body of Christ."

The aim of the initiative isn't only a Sunday shift but also encourages families to consider activities and traditions surrounding Easter which build faith in the Savior and His Atonement and Resurrection.

"I know that I am not alone in loving the Christmas season," Sister Linda Dunn shares during the broadcast, "with all its heartwarming traditions and uplifting messages of hope, peace, and love. But the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is that we can always feel hope, peace, and love not just at Christmas. So as wards and stakes council together on implementing a greater focus on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ in Sacrament meetings and activities, and as we all turn outward to share the good news with our friends via social media to join in worshipping Jesus Christ, the treasured feelings that we experience around the birth of the Savior, I feel that they'll extend throughout the year."

In Elder Stevenson's talk, he notes a "growing effort among Latter-day Saints toward a more Christ-centered Easter. This includes a greater and more thoughtful recognition of Palm Sunday and Good Friday as practiced by some of our Christian cousins." He suggests adopting Christ-centered Easter traditions found in the cultures and practices of countries worldwide. To illustrate examples, he told of his family's quest to find an Easter equivalent for the Christmas story in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. Along with the verses in the New Testament about Easter, Latter-day Saints are blessed with what he describes, "a most remarkable Easter gift." The Book of Mormon, starting in the 11th chapter of 3 Nephi, tells a marvelous story about a visit to the Nephites by the resurrected Christ. It is the Savior's Easter ministry, and the verses witness of His resurrection.

The North America Southwest Area Presidency and their wives are, left to right, Elder Sergio R. and Sister Andrea Vargas, Elder Michael A. and Sister Linda V. Dunn, Elder Jose L. and Sister Rebecca Alonso, Elder Jonathan S. and Sister Alexis U. Schmitt and Elder Aroldo B. and Sister Christina Cavalcante.

He is Risen!

In this chapter, the resurrected Jesus Christ: organizes the Church, teaches truth, announces that He has fulfilled the Law of Moses, prophesies about the latter-day gathering of Israel, heals the sick and prays for the people in a glorious way.

Elder Stevenson says of his own family, "We hope to make these chapters in 3 Nephi as much a part of our Easter tradition as Luke 2 is of our Christmas tradition. In reality, the Book of Mormon shares the greatest Easter story ever told. Let it not be the greatest Easter story never told."

At its core, the initiative includes focus on the Savior, fostering Easter traditions as well as a culture of inviting friends and family to participate in Christ-centered worship and activities. The presidency hopes the #RememberHim initiative will encourage families, friends, wards and communities to discover and establish personalized patterns and traditions. They hope it will ultimately point Latter-day Saints and others to Jesus Christ in meaningful ways not only at Easter and Christmas but in every season of the year. "We're grateful for all the staff's support and efforts," Elder Schmitt says, "and all the help putting the broadcast together."

Social media plays a significant part in helping others to remember Him.

Following Elder Stevenson's address, the area presidency counseled together and made plans. Elder Schmitt says, "In developing an area initiative we asked the question: How can we make sure we focus on the Savior? The prophet has pleaded with us to take time every week for the Savior." The initiative is a local response and invitation to follow the prophet's counsel.

For more information or to watch the broadcast again, visit the area website: https://northamericasw.churchofjesuschrist.org. To view the First Presidency Easter Message, He is Risen, visit: https://youtu.be/zPZ9PRE0WE?si=dv4ulMEx3sDEzR2H

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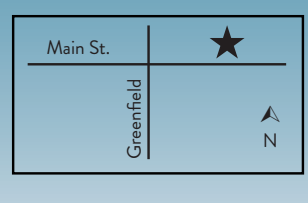

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By Jill Adair

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2025 Mesa Temple Easter Pageant

"Jesus the Christ," an annual, outdoor musical dramatization of "the greatest story ever told," will be presented in downtown Mesa each evening April 9 through April 12, and April 15 through April 19.

A beloved community tradition since 1938, the pageant is a community celebration of God's love in sending His only begotten Son to the entire world, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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The soundtrack for "Jesus the Christ: The Mesa Easter Pageant" was composed and produced by local composer and artist Rob Gardner and performed by the London Symphony Orchestra and Spire Chorus. The soundtrack is available for free listening on audio streaming services.

All are welcome to experience this FREE 70-minute program beginning on Wednesday, April 9, through Saturday, April 12; and Tuesday, April 15, through Saturday, April 19. Each performance begins at 8 p.m. on the north lawn of the Mesa Arizona Temple, 101 S. LeSueur in Mesa.

Other important info:

- No tickets or reservations needed.
- This free event is sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is presented as "a gift to the community."
- Come early to sit on some of the 9,600 chairs provided.
- Attendees are encouraged to attend during the FIRST WEEK of performances to avoid the generally larger crowds closer to Easter weekend.
- Parking is limited. Please observe signs posted in the surrounding neighborhood. Attendees are encouraged to use Valley Metro Light Rail, which has a stop at Mesa Drive/Main Street, within a short walking distance of the venue.
- For Spanish-language translation, 400 headsets will be available at each performance.
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HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY

VOLUNTEER FINDS JOY IN VISITING PATIENTS

By Lin Sue Flood

Mary Kistler was a nurse for 34 years because she loved caring for people. After retiring, she became a Hospice of the Valley volunteer so she could continue supporting others, but in a way that is more fulfilling than she ever imagined.

For the last 12 years, she has been providing socialization and companionship to hospice patients like Phoebe Johnson, who absolutely adores her visits.

The two fill their time together with fun activities like making pretty greeting cards that Phoebe, a lifelong artist, designs. There's always lots of smiles and laughter as they share the latest news in their lives in Congress, a former mining town near Wickenburg.

"Mary is a friend and a blessing and I can't wait for her to come," confides Phoebe. "We're two peas in a pod, born just four days apart — we'll both be 80 in May!"

Phoebe has pulmonary fibrosis and breast cancer, which means she has good days and hard days. But all of them are better when Mary is there.

"I admire her," says Mary. "She's inspiring. And she's a good teacher, showing me how to do new things. We've made photo albums and doll clothes. We dig around in the dirt and plant flowers. And now we're making cards. Phoebe doesn't dwell on her illness. She focuses on enjoying life."

Mary says she had no idea that volunteering would be this rich or that she would come to care for her patients and their families as she does her own.

"We'd both be lonesome without each other," Mary says as Phoebe nods vigorously. "I used to be a bedside nurse, but now with her, I'm outside gardening. I am glad to know I am supporting her and helping her do the things she loves."

Phoebe agrees and says they take care of each other. She calls their friendship is a wonderful gift.

"So many things I'm grateful for with Mary. I appreciate her help to allow me to live my life and do whatever I want to do that day, whether it's planting or art or whatever. Without her, I'd just be sitting and wishing that I could do the things I love to do. She makes it all possible."

Mary believes anyone can be a volunteer and that everyone will find it rewarding. "All you need is to like people. Anybody can do this. It's like being a good neighbor. Helping out — that's what it's all about."

Visit hov.org/volunteer to learn more about volunteer programs at Hospice of the Valley.

Lin Sue Flood is director of Community Engagement at Hospice of the Valley.

Volunteer Mary Kistler (left) enjoys making handmade cards with Hospice of the Valley patient Phoebe Johnson.

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Out of Obscurity

General Conference Throughout the Years

By Katherine Ogden

Each April and again in October the world is given the opportunity to receive direction and inspiration from the Prophet, apostles and other leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Have you ever wondered how General Conference has grown and changed since the first one? Here are a few of the more interesting statistics:

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was founded on April 6th, 1830, in Fayette, New York, at the Peter Whitmer farm. The first General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in that same Peter Whitmer home, on June 9th of the same year. Joseph Smith presided. Twenty-seven members of the church were in attendance that day.
- The first General Conference was held approximately nine weeks after the first printing of the Book of Mormon.
- The first ten years of the General Conference were held in various locations in New York, Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois. Conferences were held in a bowery (a structure with roof for shade but with no walls used for public gatherings) in Salt Lake City from 1848 to 1852, in the Old Salt Lake Tabernacle from 1852 to 1867, in the Salt Lake Tabernacle from October 1867 to October 1999, and in the Conference Center since that time.
- The first radio broadcast of General Conference was on October 3, 1923, on KSL radio.
- The first closed-circuit TV broadcast of General Conference in the Tabernacle was sent to other buildings on Temple Square on October, 1948.
- The first television broadcast of General Conference was on June 1, 1949 on KSL-TV, Channel 5.
- The first use of videotape to record and rebroadcast the General Conference was in 1957.
- The Church purchased a shortwave station on the East Coast, on October 10, 1962, to broadcast church meetings to Europe and South America.
- *The first satellite broadcast of General Conference was in 1975.
- The first live audio/video internet broadcast of General Conference was on October 2, 1999, with the BYU Department of Communications helping to make that possible.
- The first translations of General Conference talks into different languages started in 1961, when they were translated into Spanish, German, Samoan and Dutch.
- The Church began using ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters during General Conferences around 2007, when the Church Translation Division officially added ASL as an approved language for the deaf community.
- Today, the General Conference talks are translated into 98 different languages.
- Up until April 1977, General Conference was a 3-day event that was planned around April 6th. When April 6th fell on a weekday, Conference participation was made difficult for those with work and school commitments. Afterward, it became a 2-day event, held on the 1st Satur-

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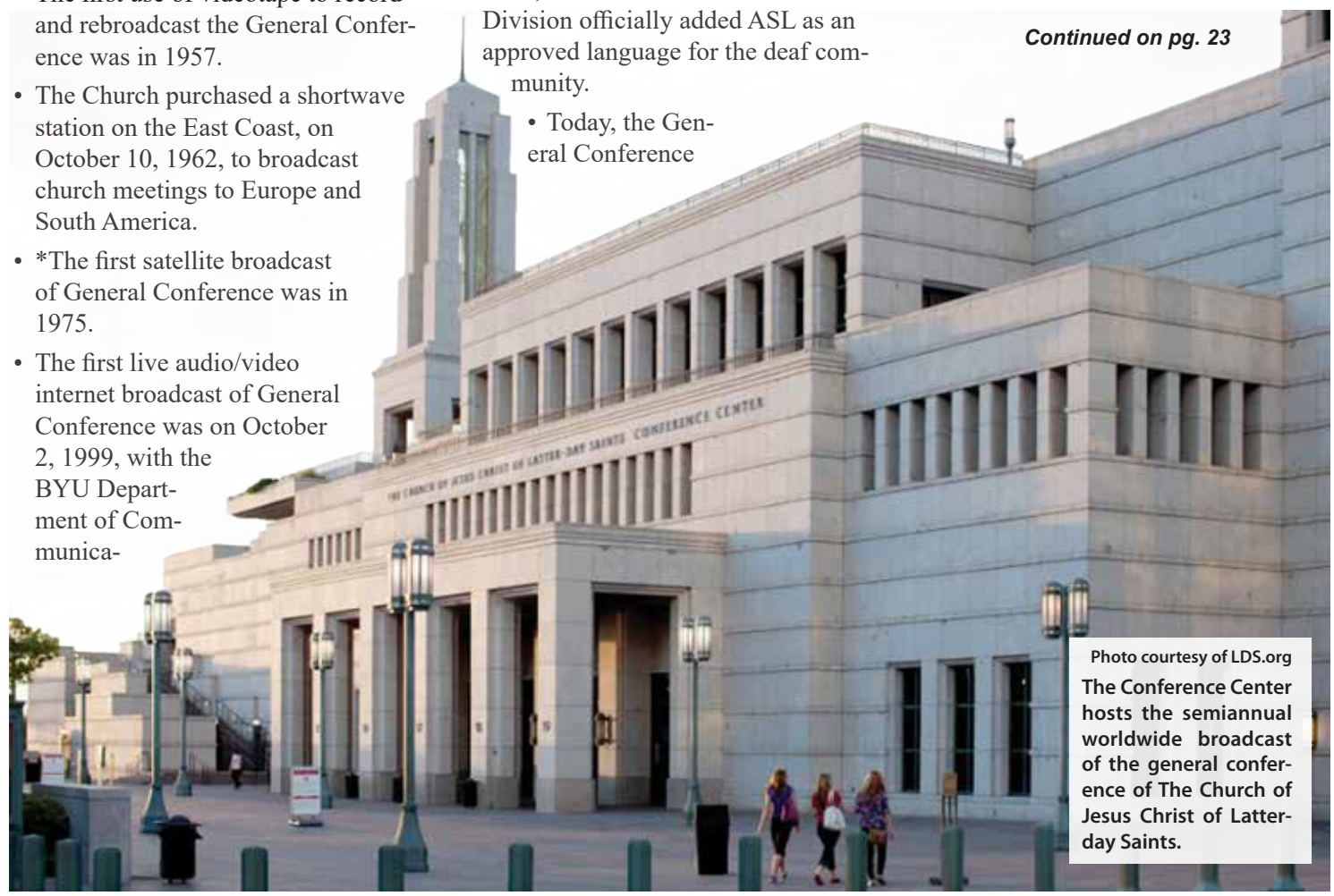

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From April 2027 to October 2027

By The Church Newsroom

In a post to his social media channels on February 14, 2025, President Russell M. Nelson of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced dates for an open house celebration for the Salt Lake Temple. He invited people from around the world to take part in this unique opportunity which will occur from April 2027 to October 2027.

Posted on the russellmnelson Instagram page:

"On February 14, 1853, a groundbreaking ceremony in Salt Lake City began a 40-year journey of faith and sacrifice, culminating in the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple in 1893.

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President Russell M Nelson.

Small blue sealing room.

Corner detail in small blue sealing room.

Project overview as of January 2025.

Saving for the Future & Beyond

By Lynne Tolman

All of us have memories to share. Some memories are glimmers from the past that seem to appear, add sparkle to our eyes, and add a crinkle to our smiles. Some memories are big, like they are shouting to be heard and remembered. So, the question is where are these memories hiding? Some are in our mind, so close to the surface that they reappear at a moment's notice. Some are buried so deep that we have a hard time finding them. Still others are pictures or jotted down notes in shoeboxes on closet shelves, or videos of family trips, outings or picnics that we no longer have the equipment on which to watch them. Still others are slides or great grandma's negatives. Then there are those audio recordings of grandpa singing and playing the guitar. These are our memories and we all have them. But they are "hiding" and we don't know how to bring them to life.

How do we bring these memories forward into the present and the future?

The Family History Center that is part of the Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors' Center has lots of answers, and equipment, to unhide those memories:

- Fast Foto Scanners - for photos of varying sizes. Each scan takes about 1-2 seconds per picture
- Slide Snap - for slides. After loading, slides scan in about 1-2 per second per slide
- Flatbed scanners and Book reader - for larger documents and photos
- Negative scanner - turn film negatives into positives and see what's on them
- VHS, camcorders, audio cassettes - record or transfer in real time
- DVD, CD, 3 ½" floppy disc (5 ¼" floppy - drop off only)
- 8MM/Super 8MM - a film that takes 4 ½ minutes to watch takes 35-40 minutes to digitize
- Audio reel to reel - records in real time. Plug in head phones are recommended
- Vinyl records - 33.3,45,78 speed. Records in real time

Leila as a young adult.

Leila & Clement before they were married.

Some recording devices require SD cards and some require thumb drives. Volunteers at the Family History Center will tell you which to bring.

When my parents passed away I inherited all of their family history materials. Included were old 3 x 4 negatives. I digitized several and found amazing treasures. One was of my grandmother as a young adult. Another was of my grandfather and grandmother, possibly before they were married. It is the best picture I have of my grandfather and

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FALL & RISE

Come Back Podcast

By Allison Beckert

Each individual Church member's journey is unique. Often this journey features periods of time when involvement with the Church or even testimonies fall for a time. Because there are as many reasons for such an activity drop as there are individuals, the Come Back podcast was created for anyone affected by or riding this phase.

The Come Back podcast explores returning to activity and testimony revival. Each episode features candid interviews with people who have intimate experience with this phenomenon. Most of those interviewed have left and returned themselves. They share their experiences, what their challenges were, why they left, and what eventually brought them back. There's something here for all the major challenges faced by Church members - mixed faith marriages, addiction, abuse, crises of faith, and more. Each guest is a very human glimpse into how we relate to our faith and the Church, as a people.

Come Back is led by Ashly Stone and Lauren Rose. Ashly hosts the podcast and is the director and founder. Lauren produces the show and is the senior editor. Both bring their own unique experiences around leaving and returning to the Church. Their compassionate and empathetic touch are part of what makes each episode so meaningful.

Come Back is best suited for those who know a loved one who left the Church. The message is hopeful, but more importantly compassionate. Ashly shared, "As commotion in the world continues to accelerate and people are becoming more divided, I have never felt the need more than I do now to strengthen myself and those around me, and these stories do just that." Listener reviews support this mission as they often share how hearing other members' journeys helped them understand the choices their family and friends made.

While new listeners can begin listening with the most recent release, "Dusty Smith is our most popular episode to date," says Ashly. First airing in September 2022, "His episode is a great introduction to the podcast, as well as an incredible story."

Photo by Come Back Podcast

The project is expanding its reach, too. "One big project that is really gaining traction is translation. We are currently working on translating the episodes into French and Spanish. We hope to have many more languages once those are complete. We are also hosting our first ever event March 28th and 29th in St. George, Utah called 'Come Back to Christ.'" Ashly expects this event to sell out.

Find Come Back on all major podcast streaming services. Episodes run between 30 minutes to an hour and a half, and are released weekly on Sundays.

THE GOSPEL IN A WORD

Worth

By Emily Jex Boyle

In section 18 of the Doctrine and Covenants, Joseph Smith the prophet, Oliver Cowdrey and David Whitmer are given direction from the Lord in June 1829. In the revelation, the Lord counsels, "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; For, behold the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh…that all men might repent and come unto him."

I've been thinking about the word, *worth* and whether or not it merited some attention.

According to Merriam Webster, *worth* as a noun is defined as: monetary value, the value of something measured by its qualities or by the esteem in which it is held, etc. As a verb *worthen* means: to exist, be, come into existence, become, change, happen. As an adjective *weorp, wyrp, worp* it also means to have status, deserving, highborn, and strong.

In a BYU devotional address in August 2013, Kristin L. Matthews, an associate professor of English gave a discourse entitled, "The Worth of Souls is Great." Following a visit to Milan, Italy where she visited the famous masterpiece of Leonardo da Vinci, "The Last Supper," she asked: what makes something - and more important, someone - of worth? Matthews goes on to explain that it is her job to look at "systems of meaning and value."

In her discourse, she refers to one of her favorite literary works by Lorraine Hansberry, a play entitled *A Raisin in the Sun.* She explains the play looks at the ways "socially constructed categories of worth can grind down individuals and offers a corrective." When a brother greatly disappoints his sister and family, the sister calls him a "toothless rat." Her mother reminds her to love him, to which she responds, "Love him? There is nothing left to love."

The mother gives the following response to her daughter:

There is always something left to love…Child, when do you think is the time to love somebody the most? When they done good and made things easy for everybody? Well then, you ain't through learning--because that ain't the time at all. It's when he's at his lowest and can't believe in hisself 'cause the world done whipped him so! When you starts measuring somebody, measure him right, child, measure him right. Make sure you done taken into account what hills and valleys he come through before he got to whatever he is."

When the Lord spoke to Joseph, Oliver and David about the worth of a soul, they were told that even if in all of their efforts they brought just one soul to the Lord, their joy would be great.

President Thomas S. Monson once taught, "The worth of a soul is its capacity to become as God."

Photo courtesy Emily Boyle

President Brigham Young taught: "The least, the most inferior spirit now upon the earth…is worth worlds." (*Deseret News*, March 6, 1861)

Trusting in our divine worth as children of loving Heavenly parents gives us courage to face trials and find peace only God can give.

Sister Joy D. Jones, former Primary General President, once taught, "The Spirit will confirm to each of us individually our divine worth." President Jones went on to explain that worth and worthiness are not the same. "Our worth," she teaches, "was determined before we ever came to this earth…and it will endure forever. On the other hand, *worthiness* is achieved through obedience. If we sin, we are less worthy, but never worth less!"

Thank the heavens, God sees your worth and measures you right.

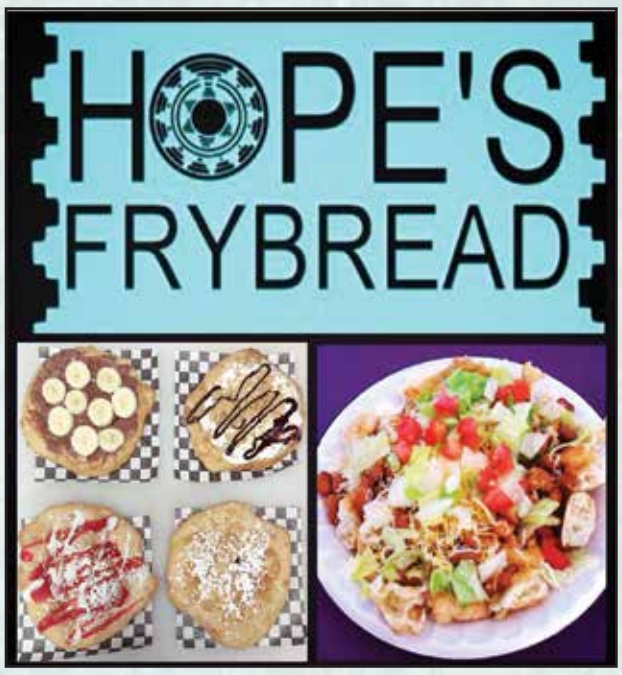
A LOT OF FAITH & HOPE
Hope's Frybread

By Rauna Mortensen

It's taken a lot of faith and a lot of Hope. And they are reaping the rewards. Aaron and Hope Peshlakai, founders of Hope's Frybread eatery, opened their downtown Mesa restaurant 2½ years ago. It's a family affair with four of their six children actively involved in the business.

Hope and Aaron grew up in Ganado, Arizona on the Navajo reservation and started dating after Hope had graduated from high school. They were married in 2006, then moved to the Phoenix Valley. While Aaron studied to earn a master's degree in mechanical engineering from ASU, they lived in ASU Family Housing. Hope was a stay-at-home mom, finding many opportunities to use her grandma's recipes for frybread and chili beans, which were staples at their family gatherings while growing up.

An act of service led to where the Peshlakais are today. A neighbor was having a rough time paying bills. Hope and Aaron didn't have cash to donate, but they recalled that on the reservation, those needing extra cash would throw a frybread sale. So, they did this for their neighbor. It was meant to be a one-time event, but friends and neighbors continued to ask for more. Amidst other side hustles, eventually the couple joined the food trucks on Power Road where they worked weekends for many years. This experience led to some catering.



Menu examples. Photo Courtesy Hope Peshlakai

After graduating and working nine years at Intel, Aaron was ready to leave the corporate world and be his own boss. The Peshlakais took a huge leap of faith and opened their brick and mortar restaurant, Hope's Frybread. Aaron and Hope say their main reasons for creating their business are for their kids, to keep the traditions of their culture and food alive, and to give their kids a place to work and celebrate their family. Their 19-year-old son and daughters ages 15, 16, and 17 often work there. All the kids eat there as desired, sometimes cooking for themselves. A couple of the kids want to take over the business someday.

Hope reflected that if she could choose anyone to work alongside in their new business, it would be her grandma, but a younger grandma full of energy. The mural Hope commissioned for their restaurant includes herself, a younger version of her grandma,

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Photo Courtesy Navajo Times

Hope and Aaron Peshlakai with restaurant mural.

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Hope Peshlakai with their signature Navajo Taco.

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Aaron Peshlakai with five of their six children when building the restaurant.

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A SCRIPTURE STUDY METHOD:

Study with a Commonplace Book

By Allison Beckert

The Church has advocated and taught journaling as a way of preserving our personal histories for posterity. In the time of the Restoration and for centuries earlier, people who were interested in studying and spiritual growth often kept a different kind of book called a Commonplace Book.

While journaling these days involves collecting a personal record of events, feelings, and thoughts, a Commonplace Book is a place to collect quotes and insights. This book would be kept with you through your days in those days. As things interesting or insightful struck you as worth looking into more, they were recorded in the book. So, your personal study would have this resource, going back to inspiring topics, tracking down articles, talks, or links to read and then record your thoughts under your original notes.

In practice, a Commonplace Book is more like a database than a diary. The project itself would have categories, such as places, people, and subjects. A place this type of compiling happens today would be into a notes app on your phone. You might have a tab for work, and under that have other categories like "projects", "networking", or "ideas", each with several notes under those. For scripture study, this might be a tab for covenants with categories like "baptism" where you can copy and paste quotes, references, and write your thoughts.

Writers and artists in history have been the creators of the more famous examples of Commonplace Books now in collections. C.S. Lewis is one who kept a book of this kind; Mark Twain, as well. It was a practice popular with thinkers and influencers of culture, and well fitted to those seeking spiritual insight and knowledge.

As a scripture study method, this is easy to reference, especially if you're studying a specific topic or doctrine and want to reference back at a later date for a talk or a spiritual thought. It isn't difficult to make, especially digitally, and you can record from any source. You're not limited to just scriptures, talks, or official Church magazines. This would allow for a more organic way of recording your insights or inspiration.

Opting for a paper notebook style with this method can get labor intensive. The ease of having your notes with you can disappear if you're compiling on a lot of different subjects or sources. The pen and ink option does mean some issues with flexibility. It means having a set section or pages in advance for your topic which you might over or under estimate. This option would mean more notebooks, which isn't a loss but it does take up space.

All told, this method is an excellent one for somebody who enjoys studying across a variety of sources. It also benefits people who already make use of their notes app on their phone, or who love a quality journal to carry with them.

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By Robin Finlinson

Come Follow Me

This article supports the assigned readings in the 2024 manual titled *Come, Follow Me—For Home and Church* in Doctrine and Covenants Sections 19-45, from March through the first part of May, 2025.

SIGNS

Time To Listen, Time To Prepare

The prophet Amos said, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing until he revealeth the secret unto his servants the prophets" (JST Amos 3:7). The best kept secret is the timing of the Savior Jesus Christ's Return. Though the day and hour will be a surprise, the Bible tells us to watch for the numerous signs revealing the season. Many people will have forgotten or ignored the Bible, and many have never had access to it. Shouldn't we expect our merciful God to send prophets to warn the world of the turbulence that will crescendo into the triumphant climax of the world's story and help all who will listen to prepare? (see Matt. 24:27-36)

As promised, prophets are again on earth. That's one sign to put a check by. The Lord's Restored Church is rolling forth. Laborers in His vineyard whose shift didn't begin until some point in the 11th hour (these last days before His Return) are now at work. Millions more are being "hired" as they hear about the job opportunity. Check. (see Daniel 2:31-36; Matt.20:1-16; D&C 33:3)

Another great sign given is the Book of Mormon. That "stick" (writing tablet or record) of Joseph, kept by his son Ephraim and their descendants, contains the fulness of Christ's gospel. It has restored lost truths that are vital for preparation at this time. (see Ezekiel 37:16-22; D&C 27:5) More than any other record, it is helping fulfill the heaven-assigned task that "the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion…" (D&C 45:71)

Through both ancient scriptures and living prophets, the Lord exhorts everyone to start preparing by repenting, being baptized and receiving the Holy Ghost, "that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto me a righteous people, without spot and blameless." (D&C 38:31. See also D&C 33:11)

Most people of the earth will not hear the warning voice of the Lord's chosen servants. But in fairness, He spreads the word in many ways. Latter-day Saints hear it and are commanded, "[L]et your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbor, in mildness and in meekness." (D&C 38:41) Full-time missionaries throughout the world are happy to help teach our neighbors.

In D&C 43:25, the Lord tells of yet other communication methods or signs, including some that will strengthen in severity: "How oft have I called upon you by the mouth of my servants, and by the ministering of angels, and by mine own voice, and by the voice of thunderings, and by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind, and by the great sound of a trump, and by the voice of judgment, and by the voice of mercy all the day long…"

It's time to listen. The 11th hour started ticking approximately 200 years ago. No wonder the Lord's current prophet and president of His Church, President Russell M. Nelson, said in October, 2024, "[N]ow is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Now is the time for us to make our discipleship our highest priority."

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The gathering of Israel is a sign of the times.

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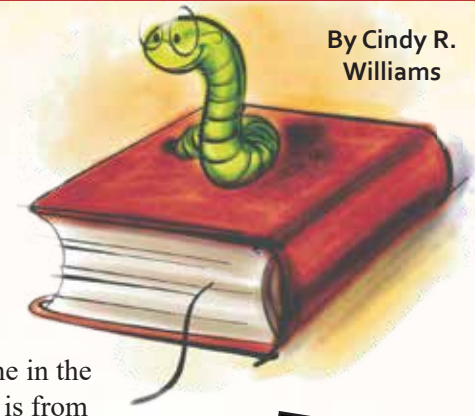

By Cindy R. Williams

A Journey Through Time Plagued by Doubts

The first book published by W. David Eaton of Mesa, Arizona is a fascinating adventure and journey through this life and what is to come.

Eaton shares, "In a world where Gospel truths are being challenged and abandoned, *Stones of Light – Jonathan's Journal* follows a Latter-Day Saint father whose faith is being challenged. His journey to reconnect with his faith requires the aid of an ancient amulet that leads him to a cavern of crystals, found to be a portal through time and space.

Author W. David Eaton.

Eaton adds, "The journal is a collection of musings, written as one who might be living in the Celestial Kingdom. The fictional story of the journal's discovery took me nearly five years to write."

The book is for the Latter-Day Saint community, and also anyone interested in the doctrine and culture of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"The story is the journey of three heroes, each of whom needs to be reminded who they are in God's eternal plan of happiness," explains Eaton. "Each character has a special place in my heart, reminding me of several special people in my own life who have influenced my testimony and strengthened my faith. My favorite line in the book is from Grandpa Jo, who reminds us that 'your future is shaped by your *present* choices, *not* by your past.'"

The author reflects, "This book was written to remind ME of why I do what I do.

"I set out to write this book to be a reminder of why I do what I do, every day. It started as a collection of journal entries of an imaginary person living in the Celestial Kingdom, describing what life is like there. What does it look like? What do people do there? What is our relationship with each other? What is it like to be taught at the feet of the Savior? What's it like to be back at home with Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother?

Sometimes he would write a few lines then read them back and think, "Wow, that sounds interesting…I wonder what's going to happen next?"

Eaton's book can be purchased on Amazon in paperback or Kindle formats.

Two Best Friends Write a Rom-Com

Authors Amanda Nelson, Lisa-Marie Potter.

Two best friends Amanda Nelson and Lisa-Marie Potter published their first book, a delightful Romance Comedy, *Men In Books Aren't Better*.

Amanda resides in Mesa, Arizona, and says she is "supported by a loving husband, four beautiful children, and a son-in-law."

Lisa Marie relates, "Born in Nottingham, England, I relocated to Wasilla, Alaska, where I reside with my husband. Together, we have three exceptional children and four adorable grandchildren."

In the book, Molly, a famous author, is trying to write a romance. Big problem—she just broke up with her boyfriend and has the dreaded "writer's block". Her friend suggests she hire a companion to shake it up and get her mojo back. Will the experiment work?

When asked about their inspiration for writing *Men In Books Aren't Better*, Amanda says, "We are both hopeless romantics, and fake dating is one of our favorite tropes. But it was Lisa-Marie who came up with the book's premise, and our imaginations took off from there."

"The book is for older teens and women who love a swoony romance they can consume in one sitting," says Amanda.

When asked who is their favorite character, Amanda replied, "Hands down, Jared Washington (the male protagonist). He's charismatic and smooth and did whatever we wrote him to do! (Which means he listened!)"

The authors want readers to know that clean romance isn't dead. "You're never too old to try something new," says Amanda. Both writers were in their forties when they began writing together, which had nothing to do with their degrees. They studied and persevered until they accomplished their publishing dreams.

"This book took us about a year to complete. We each took a main character - Lisa-Marie was Molly, and Amanda was Jared - and we wrote a chapter each, swapping the manuscript back and forth, each discovering the story as we wrote," Amanda says.

When it came time to list their names on the front cover, Lisa-Marie says, "After a full-on fist fight, Amanda won. Just kidding. The publisher put them in alphabetical order."

The two friends have more books on the way.

Men In Books Aren't Better is available online at most outlets vis. Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple Books, Google Books, BooksAMillion, Target, Walmart, and The Wild Rose Press and on https://www.NelsonPotter.com. Reviews are welcome.

Getting Mentally Healthy
Finding a Therapist

By Allison Beckert

After deciding to pursue professional mental health help, finding a therapist can be a pressing task; one that is difficult at the best of times, and can feel impossible when distressed.

Your insurance company and your bishop can point you toward therapists and offices that are able to help. While your bishop is most likely not a licensed healthcare provider, he is a well-connected link to the resources in your area. If he doesn't have a list of providers taking new patients in your area, he will know who does. He can also set you up with Family Services, especially in a crisis, but this solution is intended as short-term care only.

Your insurance company will often have more options, and sometimes this is helpful if you prefer your care separate from church. Most insurance websites will have an online guide to look up providers in your area, in network usually, and whether or not they are accepting new patients. This route can be a bit more labor intensive but if you expect or need ongoing support and treatment, this way will allow for finding a suitable provider.

Group therapy chairs. Photo by wollyvonwolleroy, Pixabay

As you conduct your search, ask yourself or a trusted person your honest questions and air your honest concerns: What do you want? What don't you want? Do you want someone religiously informed? Male or female? A couples therapist? Group therapy? Trauma informed, or a specific specialty? Each of these therapy types can help narrow down your search. In the grip of illness, it can be too much to recognize what you need, let alone ask for it. In a case like that, Family Services and your Bishop are ideal. Even if you don't go through them for care, they can assist you in finding the official terms for what you're struggling with.

The most important thing is to consider what elements you need to feel safe. This is your journey and your health. If you would feel unsafe with a certain gender, are uncomfortable with groups, or even if you want to see someone who has extensive experience in your specific challenge, then do not compromise on these points.

First appointments can be scary, but you're the one in charge. Think of it like an interview to try out the therapist. Look at your most pressing issue. There's no need to pour out your whole history if you're not comfortable. If after a couple of sessions you don't feel heard or seen, it's common to try a different therapist. You are the patient, so you are empowered to change your mind or decide the fit isn't a good one. Remember it isn't a therapist's job to tell you only what you want to hear. The goal is to create a space together where you feel safe enough to be challenged and vulnerable while addressing difficult things.

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By A New Leaf

Mobilizing Peers

A New Leaf Volunteer Natalie Hamblin

At just 17 years old, Natalie Hamblin has already made a profound impact on her community through her tireless commitment to service, her ability to inspire others, and her deep faith that drives her every endeavor.

In her church's Young Women's Group, Natalie leads a group of 30 teenage girls, guiding them through challenges, organizing activities, and helping them strengthen their faith and sense of purpose. Her role as a peer mentor is one she holds dear, fostering a community where each of her peers feels empowered to grow and contribute.

Her dedication to giving back is most evident in her impactful work with A New Leaf, where she has mobilized her peers and church community to support families in crisis. She has organized donation drives to collect essential items for those in need, helping neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Natalie has also led efforts to craft paracord keychains and charms for domestic violence survivors, providing them with small but powerful reminders of strength and hope. Recognizing the importance of joy for children in difficult circumstances, she and friends have assembled craft bags for kids, bringing moments of happiness to those who need it most.

Through her volunteer work with A New Leaf, Natalie has built a community of service around her, showing others the importance of stepping up to help those in need. She has inspired hundreds of members of her church and her peers to join her in these efforts, creating a ripple effect of compassion and action. Her ability to unite people around a shared purpose—to serve, to give, and to love—is a testament to her extraordinary character and unshakable faith.

Natalie Hamblin is more than a volunteer. She is a builder of community and a true servant leader. As she continues her journey of service, her example reminds us all of the profound impact one person can have when they dedicate themselves to uplifting others.

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A Family Affair

Four Grandson Missionaries!

By Cecily Condie

In November, family members gathered at Sky Harbor Airport to welcome my grandson, Samuel David Lichlyter, home from the Kentucky Louisville Mission. Elder Lichlyter, son of Matt and Amanda Lichlyter, of the Delmar Ward, Mesa Central Stake, noticed his cousins had grown and, perhaps even more obvious, several closest were missing from the group, as they were serving missions themselves.

My husband, Rex Condie and I, were celebrating the fourth of our grandchildren and step-grandchildren to complete missions, with four more currently in the mission field.

Elder Will Condie, Rex's grandson, and son of Julie and Mike Condie of Canyon Trails Ward, Goodyear Arizona Stake, serving in the Oklahoma Oklahoma City Mission, says, "Having the support from my family has helped a lot." He struggled most at the beginning of his mission. "However, as time goes on, the need for support has diminished, and I've been able to rely on my own abilities more and more—like a father pushing his son when learning to ride a bike."

He adds, "Over the course of my mission it has helped to know that I have had family who went through similar experiences like the ones I've gone through, and it's fun to relate their experiences with the people I meet."

Another grandson, Elder Wyatt Elam, of Sahuarita Ward, Sahuarita Arizona Stake has been in the Washington Spokane Mission for almost 15 months. He agrees family support is invaluable. "It has helped a ton on my mission and preparing for it, because I've had good examples of my dad, and some other cousins and friends serving missions as well."

He adds, "I think something I really like about this mission is always working hard and also having four seasons has been fun."

His dad and mom, Darin and Kerri Elam, described sending him off as "the worst best day. We'll miss him like crazy but we know this will be a great adventure and an amazing time of learning and growth and service!"

Son of Michelle and Zak Price, Elder Colby Alex Price of Coronado Ward, Tucson Arizona North Stake, serving in the Colorado Colorado Springs Mission, says: "I don't even know how to describe my mission so far; it's been hard, fun, exciting, stretching, and ultimately converting. I've been able to find the Savior in small and simple ways here in Colorado and I'll continue to find Him over these next few months! I'm grateful for the loved ones and examples who have helped influence me to this point!"

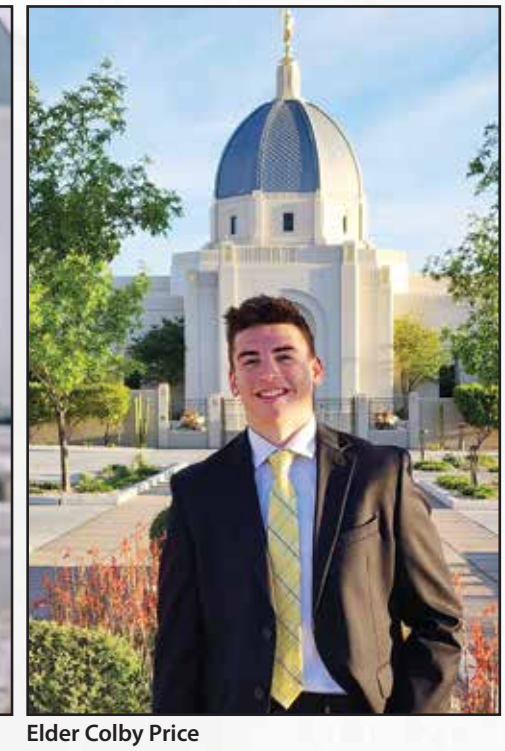
Another cousin, Elder Jackson Knippers, son of Larissa and John Knippers of the Aspen Ward, White Mountain Arizona Stake, serving in Roseville California Mission, Hmong speaking. When he first arrived at the MTC, he wrote: "The only problem is I have no idea how to speak Hmong. Like how am I supposed to understand the random sounds coming out of my teacher's mouth?"

Within weeks, Elder Knippers was not only learning the language, he was also learning: "I know God listens to every single prayer, and he truly does answer them. He cares about the details of our lives and will help us with everything if we just take the time to ask in faith!"

Elder Will Condie

Elder Jackson Knippers

Elder Wyatt Elam


Elder Colby Price

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house from April 2027 to October 2027.

"We warmly invite our friends to come and learn about God's plan for His children and rejoice in the love of Jesus Christ. Details about this event will be shared as April 2027 approaches.

"As houses of the Lord now dot the earth, I invite you to cherish your time and service at the temples closest to you as we prepare for the reopening of the Salt Lake Temple in 2027."

At the present time, much of Temple Square is open. Visitors can enjoy the Conference Center, Tabernacle, Church History Museum, Church History Library, FamilySearch Library and the newly renovated Main Street and Church Office Building plazas.

The Arizona Beehive Magazine plans to cover this amazing celebration as events unfold in 2027!

Visit TempleSquare.org to learn more.

The Salt Lake Temple.

What's Cooking?

By The Arizona Beehive Magazine

RUSTIC ITALIAN POTATO SOUP

This is the season for St. Patrick's Day. And nothing says "Irish" like Italian-prepared potatoes! Enjoy a bowl of this hearty potato soup that is healthy, low in fat, and vitamin-rich, especially in vitamin C when the spud's skin is eaten. So, don't peel your potatoes, Laddies and Lasses! Ciao!

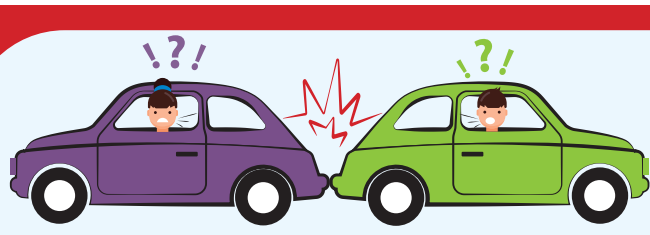
Prep time: 30 min. Cook Time: 30 min. Serves 6-8

INGREDIENTS

- 3 T unsalted butter
- 3 leeks, thoroughly cleaned and thinly sliced *(white and light green parts only, cut in half lengthwise, then sliced thin cross-wise)*
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 lbs. clean and scrubbed russet potatoes
- and 2 lbs. red potatoes cut in 1-inch chunks
- 1 bay leaf
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth *(or enough to barely cover potatoes)*
- 1 lb. bulk spicy Italian sausage
- ½ lb. bacon, diced
- ¼ tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ bunch kale, stems removed and cut
- crosswise into ¼-inch strips *(about 4 cups packed)*
- 1 tsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper
- Garnish: Shredded Parmesan cheese and chopped chives

DIRECTIONS

1. Melt butter in a large Dutch oven or saucepan over medium heat; add onions and leeks. Allow to cook, stirring until limp and just slightly brown. Add the garlic and cook for another 2-3 minutes. Add the potato chunks and the bay leaf.
2. Cover with enough stock to just barely cover. To tell if you have enough liquid, just push down on the potatoes with a potato masher. They should be completely submerged. This will result in a very thick soup, but can always be thinned at the end with some extra broth if desired. Allow to come to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until potatoes are tender (usually about 10 minutes).
3. While the potatoes are cooking, cook the sausage and diced bacon bits over medium heat. Add red pepper flakes and cook, stirring frequently, until bacon is crisp and sausage is done, about 4 minutes.
4. Remove and drain on paper towels. If desired, reserve about a tablespoon of cooked bacon bits for additional garnish.
5. With potatoes cooked, discard the bay leaf. Using a potato masher, coarsely break up the potatoes. For chunkier soups, leave the potatoes a bit chunky, or for a smoother soup, mash for a longer time.
6. Add bacon and sausage to potatoes. Allow the soup to thicken, stirring frequently. Once the soup has reached desired consistency, add the heavy cream and kale. Season well with salt and pepper. Then cook for an additional 10 minutes to warm the cream and wilt the kale. To serve, sprinkle soup with bacon bits, chives and Parmesan cheese.



Comedy Corner

By Mark & Alonna Randall

Two cars were backing out of parking spots toward each other and collided. The first driver asked the other, "Were you watching?" The second driver answered, "Yes, I was!" Then the first driver responded, "Well, I wasn't, and since you were watching, this collision is definitely your fault!"

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day and Sunday of the months of April and October.

- In April 1980, the Sesquicentennial General Conference was celebrated with a broadcast originating from the Whitmer farm.

Today, millions of people around the world can tune in now to watch General Conference on television, radio, internet, satellite, mobile device, computer, and laptop, truly "bringing [the Church] forth out of obscurity..." (D&C 1:30)

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now invaluable to me.

Now you may say "how can I use all of this equipment?" There are experts at the Family History Center that will teach you how to use each piece of equipment to digitize your memories. You may also take some of the many classes that are offered to help you bring these memories to life.

Start now to capture those memories! Call 480-964-7164 from 10:00 am - 9:00 pm any day of the week to set up an appointment to get started.

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and Hope's youngest daughter, who represents all six kids.

"We are foodies at heart," admits Hope. Her favorite is always the Navajo Taco original, which is her go-to recommendation. Her grandma's chili beans are always a top seller. Another traditional favorite is the Navajo-style burger.

Some customers order online, but most want to show up to experience the vibe of the restaurant for themselves. They take selfies with the murals and watch their dinner being made.

Aaron and Hope know it's crunch time, so they have to put in long hours for now to make the restaurant a success. But they embrace this opportunity to teach their children how to prepare for a brighter future. This is how they seek to protect their children from today's world of instant gratification - by giving them a firsthand example of faith and Hope.

Follow Hope's Frybread on Facebook or Instagram. Visit the restaurant at 144 S. Mesa Drive in the old Mesa Deseret Book shopping center.

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By Robin Finlinson

On The Horizon

Lucky Sevan's Retreats For Adults

On the Lucky Sevan website l7surf.org, a quote from the book *Blue Mind* by marine biologist Wallace J. Nichols is found: "We are beginning to learn that our brains are hardwired to react positively to water and that being near it can calm and connect us, increase innovation and insight, and even heal what's broken."

Lucky Sevan is (as you may recall from The Arizona Beehive Magazine's July/August 2024 feature article) a nonprofit that provides an enormously successful annual leadership retreat and surf camp to youth ages 15-19.

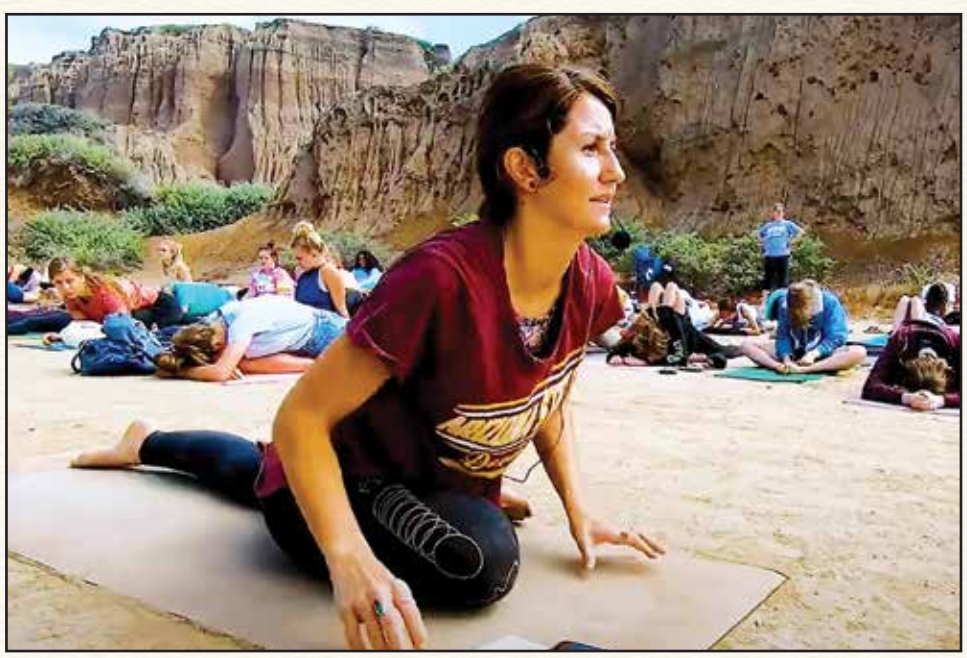
Beginning this fall, that "perfect formula" of a retreat, as many call it, will extend to adults, too! It will be especially helpful for parents of teens who attend L7. Youth return home far more prepared - even excited - to face and persevere through challenges. But if the parent/child relationship is strained, the motivated youth can lose momentum.

Lucky Sevan Founder Evan Rogers.

What will the retreats for adults offer? They'll be similar to those for the youth:

- Surfing lessons
- Delicious food
- Music and videos
- Team building and alone time
- Yoga and meditation
- Inspirational guest speakers
- Devotionals
- A Real Colors workshop, which teaches participants how to diffuse conflict and strengthen every type of relationship. Evan is a certified facilitator.
- Object lessons on the beach that engages all senses and help each participant to better understand and personally employ the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

"We often sit and listen and comment," Evan says of the typical Sunday School teaching method. "But how much time do we spend interacting with the doctrines of the Atonement? You're out there with the ocean breeze, the ocean waves, interacting with the doctrines in a very tangible way." They can "infuse" into your entire being.



Women on the Beach.

Evan hopes to find more adults to serve on the board of directors, or to volunteer as mentors at youth or adult retreats. It's a life-changing experience for them as well.

Service missionaries volunteer as some of the junior mentors. A 2022 Memorandum of Understanding with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints grants them permission.

Thanks to testimonies of people who have experienced Lucky Sevan (such as teens who've later served missions), stake presidents in nearly 20 countries have heard of this program and want their youth to experience it as well!

Evan is searching for special people to whom he can teach his unique methods, so they can run retreats (for a small stipend) in other countries and U.S. states. He has spoken with stake presidents in Brazil, England, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa and Spain, plus several states from Florida to Hawaii, about this possibility. Modified retreats could be held next to a lake, river or stream. "I know the Lord is preparing those people," Evan says. "I just haven't found them yet."

Additionally, a documentary film about L7 is being planned! Beautiful professional footage from the past several years (and more to be shot in 2025) will take the viewer to the ocean and camp, and into the lives of participants and their families after experiencing the retreat. Funds are being secured in order to edit the documentary and ready it for entry into the 2027 Sundance Film Festival.

This year, a men's retreat will run September 4-7, 2025, and a women's September 11-14, in San Clemente, CA. For retreat registration, more information, or monetary donations, please visit l7surf.org.

VALLEY TEMPLE SCHEDULES

Additional Information:

- Appointments for proxy ordinances are encouraged. Patrons without appointments are also welcome, but may be asked to wait for an opportunity to participate. To schedule or modify a proxy appointment, visit your temple's information at https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples
- Patrons are encouraged to bring their own temple clothing.
- Ordinances for family names must be done in proper sequence—baptism, confirmation, Melchizedek Priesthood ordination (males), initiatory, endowment, and then sealing. Please allow sufficient time to perform all the ordinances you wish to complete during your visit. For additional help and information, please call the temple.
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- Temple websites can be found by searching churchofjesuschrist.org/temples

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